

LASSCOCK'S MONTHLY REMINDER

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HOW TO GROW GOOD SWEET PEAS.



Choose a spot that gets as much sun as possible, see to it that the natural drainage is adequate. Avoid low lying spots.

Dig all over the soil to a depth of about 18 inches, removing the top spit to the full depth of the spade or fork, and then loosening up the bottom to a further depth. Into the lower soil dig in a moderate supply of old cow or horse manure. Into the top spit work in some bonedust, using a surface dressing of about two ounces to the square yard. A sprinkling of ordinary superphosphate worked into the soil at the time of digging, may be substituted for Bonedust, and would be sufficient to give added nutriment on fairly good soil, but where soil is not so good, some well decayed animal manure and bone would be better. Avoid over-doing the manure.

See to the digging some few weeks before seed sowing, turn over the soil several times, at intervals of a few days, and then allow it to firm down. Give the soil a thorough soaking of water three or four days before sowing, and then treat it to a light digging along the rows just before the seed is sown.

Draw out a narrow drill with a hoe to a depth of two inches, and then insert the seed along the drill to a depth of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, at intervals of 9 or 10 inches, and then fill in the drill

with a mulching material to keep the soil from hardening, watering, and do not repeat the application until after the plants show through the ground.

Chipping a small piece from the skin of each seed before planting makes for more even germination.

Embedding the seed in a small portion of clean sand is also helpful and prevents rotting.

Provide some twigs for the support of the young plants at the outset, and also permanent staking for the plants such as netting, or tree branches, well firmed into the soil. These should serve for at least a 6-foot run.

Look out for slugs; also keep sparrows from attacking the young plants by running cotton in all directions over the plants, supported by twigs or small sticks.

Keep down weeds by light hoeing, but do not dig deeply so as to reach the surface feeding roots.

Extra fine flowers will be obtained by selecting one, two, or three of the strongest growths, discarding all others, and regularly tying them to the supports.

Every lateral (side) growth coming from such selected main stems should be removed, as well as any tendrils, by so doing the flowers will only be allowed to form at the top of the plants.

Feeding with liquid cow manure or very weak fowl manure, at weekly intervals, when the flower buds are on the way, will make for larger blooms and longer stems, but such stimulants should not be overdone.

The average grower starting with good soil conditions, and concentrating the growths to a few main leaders and taking out side growths until the first flowers appear, should be able to pick choice blooms without the aid of other than judicious watering and the frequent removal of spent blooms.

GARDEN CALENDAR. SEED SOWING.

FLOWER SEEDS. Sow Ageratum, Anemone, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia, Balsam, Carnation, Calliopsis, Candytuft, Canterbury Bells, Cornflower, Delphinium, Dianthus, Geum, Foxglove, Gerbera, Heuchera, Iceland Poppy, Larkspur, Lobelia, Lupins, Mimulus, Nemesis, Polyanthus, Pansies, Ranunculus, Schizanthus, Stocks, Verbena, Viola, Wallflower, Winter Flowering Marigold.

SHADING. Provide a shade for seed beds and boxes from the strong sun. Calico or coarse mesh hessian tacked to frames will answer well. These should be removed when the sun has passed over, so as to avoid drawn plants. Provide a glass covering for pans and boxes, and place over the cover a sheet of brown paper. Remove the paper when the seed germinates.

SOW IN THE OPEN GROUND WHERE THE PLANTS ARE TO FLOWER. Balsams, Calliopsis, Centaurea, Iceland Poppy, Phlox, Lupins, Sweet Peas, Mignonette.

SOW SEED IN PANS OR BOXES AND PLACE IN A GLASS FRAME the following seeds for glasshouse purposes: Calceolaria, Cyclamen, Cineraria, Primula (Malacoides and others).

Primula Malacoides and Malacoides Superba may be sown now for growing in the open flower beds.

MULCH FOR SEED BOXES AND BEDS. It is always advisable to top up the seed beds and boxes with a light mulch, consisting either of old manure or leaf mould. Use a sieve, and pass through a light dusting of the material after the light soil dressing has been applied. Attend to the watering each day.

BULBS. Plant Gladioli corms (both Large-flowering and Primulinus Hybrids), also Ranunculus, Anemones, and Watsonias for early flowering.

Prepare the ground for general bulb planting in March.

SEEDLINGS. Plant out Antirrhinums, Cosmos, Balsams, Stocks, Phlox, Verbenas, African Marigold, Delphiniums, Pansy, Iceland Poppies, and other seedlings offered by the nurseryman.

CLIMBING PLANTS. Tecomas and Bougainvillea may be planted now. Shade from the sun for a few days, and keep up the moisture supply.

DAHLIAS. Don't over-water. Thin out plants that are too dense; apply a mulch to the beds. Tie the shoots as they grow. Spray the foliage frequently with clean water, particularly the undersides of the leaves, to check red spider. Should the tips of the shoots appear to be curly, which is a sign of attack by thrips, spray the foliage occasionally with Benzole Emulsion. Watch for attack by curculio beetles at night. (Spray with arsenate of lead.)

ROSES. Give the plants a light pruning. Dig over the beds, apply a mulch, and water liberally. A sprinkling of bone super about the plants will help to finer flowering.

LAWNS should be cut frequently, and if showing signs of wear or yellowing give a light top-dressing after applying either super, blood manure, or sulphate of ammonia. Use at the rate of two ounces to the square yard.

New lawns may still be planted with roots of Buffalo or Couch Grass.

CARNATIONS. Layers may be pinned down in gritty soil. Trim up old plants that are needing it, and prepare ground for planting new plants in March and April.

TRIMMING. Cut away dead flowers and seed pods, if you would have the garden plants continuing with bloom. Pull out annual plants that are nearing their end; cut back perennials that have given their best flowers. Fuchsias and Zonale Pelargoniums may now be cut back.

Mulch all flower beds, either with manure, leaves, lawn clippings, or short seaweed. Keep the soil frequently stirred where no mulching material is provided.

THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

SEED SOWING. Sow in open ground: Beans, French and Butter Beans; Beets, all varieties; Carrots, all varieties; Kohl Rabi (Purple), Lettuce, Mustard and Cress, Parsnip, Peas (early sorts), Potatoes, Radish, Spinach Beet, Turnips, and Swedes.

SOW IN SEED BEDS for transplanting: Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery (give shade).

PLANT OUT: Beets, Early Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery.

MUSHROOMS. Make up beds in sheds or the open, and procure "bricks" of mushroom spawn for planting.

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